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SUBJECT: VISITS TO U.S. AND CANADA BY GOG OFFICIALS

1. FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK CONTACT ADVISES RAWIRI AND TSIBA (OCTRA) PLANNING VISIT U.S. AND CANADA LATE AUGUST THROUGH EARLY SEPTEMBER. FINMIN MOUKAMBI AND CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR OYEMBA REPORTEDLY MAKING SEPARATE VISIT TO ATTEND IMF/IBRD MEETINGS WASHINGTON.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED VERIFY ASAP REPORT RAWIRI/TSIBA AND MOUKAMBI/OYEMBA VISITS. PLEASE PROVIDE ALL AVAILABLE DETAILS RE TIMING, ITINERARY, OBJECTIVES OF VISITORS, NAMES OF SUBSTANTIVE STAFF AIDES.

3. COMMERCE/MEPD ANXIOUS ARRANGE VISITS APPROPRIATE GOG OFFICIALS TO FIRMS AND INSTALLATIONS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO FACILITATING EXISTING CONTRACTS AND WINNING UPCOMING ONES. EMBASSY ADVICE RE THESE OFFICIALS'S AVAILABILITY AND DESIRES FOR SUCH APPOINTMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. (FYI: PRESENT TENTATIVE COMMERCE THINKING INCLUDES SUCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FIRMS AS FNCB, MORRISON-KNUDSEN, RAYMOND, CHARLES T. MAIN,

SOROS ASSOCIATES, TAMS, BETHLEHEM STEEL, WITH POSSIBLE
TRIP TO ORE PORT IF GOG VISITORS' TIME AVAILABILITY
PERMITS. POST-LABOR-DAY TIMEFRAME WOULD BE PREFERABLE
FOR SUCH APPOINTMENTS, BUT HOPEFULLY, THEY CAN BE
ARRANGED EARLIER IF NECESSARY TO FIT GOG ITINERARY.
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